

ANOTHER RAILROAD FOR TUCUMCARI

Watch Tucumcari, the Hub of Northeastern New Mexico, She's Going to Get Another Boost

MIDLAND-TUCUMCARI LINE NOW

Backed by Texas Bankers. Arrangements for Construction Already Made. Will be Pushed

As proof that the entire country has an eye on Tucumcari, the "hub" of Northeastern New Mexico, the Midland-Tucumcari line is now proposed and construction arrangements are now under immediate consideration.

Our town is rapidly coming to the front. Many handsome and substantial residences are now being built in our city; the largest deposit the First National Bank ever had was one day last week, when it reached the sum of \$477,000.00, and the end is not yet. Natural conditions and advantages cause Tucumcari to grow and the thinking man can readily see it and is not in the least afraid to invest his capital here. Rental properties bring a handsome revenue, and all lines of business seem to thrive. Our record is few failures against that of many successes, and the mill of progress grinds steadily onward.

An exchange says: "Another project which developed almost simultaneously with the Quanah to El Paso line, is the Midland-Tucumcari proposed line, which will be built by the Gould roads, giving that system a southern transcontinental line. This route will also go through Roswell, from all present indications and from the logical course of travel.

The road is to be financed by Texas capitalists, some of whom reside at Amarillo. The Amarillo News has the following to say of this project:

Amarillo, Texas, July 22.—Construction will soon be started in both directions at Midland, Texas, on the Texas, Gulf & Northern railroad. This line is projected to run from Tucumcari, N. M., to San Antonio, a distance of about 600 miles. Unusual interest is being taken in this project for the reason that it is essentially a Texas enterprise its financial backers being a number of bankers of this state. It is claimed by the promoters that the financial arrangements for the construction of the road have been made and that it will be carried forward rapidly in both directions from Midland, where it will cross the Texas and Pacific. The route of the line that is now being surveyed traverses portions of the panhandle and middle western part of the state now lacking in railroad transportation facilities. W. N. Sadler, of Amarillo, is vice president and M. C. Le Master is secretary and general manager of the company."

THE COMMITTEE ON BAND

The Commercial Club having taken up the brass band proposition, they appointed a committee composed of Sandusky, Swift and Eager. The committee canvassed the business section and it is reported that they secured a monthly donation of \$52.00 to pay instructor, and incidental expenses, music and other necessities. This, however, is insufficient, and those who desire to assist in a good cause, one our town should be proud of, may see the secretary of the Commercial Club, Mr. A. H. Mahon, who will receive your subscriptions and thank you for the same.

This committee is conferring with the Bay View Club regarding the erection of a band stand, which is badly needed.

BIG RAIN SUNDAY

We are informed that the rainfall last Sunday evening measured 2.10 in. in Tucumcari, and it made a boat necessary to cross most of the downtown streets. The "street cars" or taxicabs were nearly put out of commission and the pedestrians waded home thrilled with delight at the happy realization of the fact that they reside in a community where it always rains sometimes and to think it came on a day when we are all supposed to rest anyway.

A NEW POSTOFFICE

In McKinley county, N. M., a new postoffice has been established and is known as Page, with Henry Bergen as its postmaster.

VICTIMS OF ATTACK ON TRAIN WILL TOTAL OVER 80

Second Relief Train Takes Some of the Survivors Into Mexican Capital Horrors are Described

City of Mexico, July 21.—The list of dead in yesterday's murderous attack by Zapatistas on the Mexico-Cuernavaca train near Parres, on the edge of the Federal district, grew today when further details became known, to a total of eighty-four, including three of the wounded, who succumbed during the night in the railway hospital.

A second relief train, which reached the capital early today, brought twenty-three passengers who had escaped the butchery and made their way into Tres Marias, a few miles away. Eleven were accounted for last night.

It is estimated that the train, composed of one first-class and three second-class coaches, carried approximately seventy-five passengers, in addition to the fifty soldiers of the escort, forty three of whom were killed. Nine bodies of passengers were found near the wreck. Of the remaining thirty-two a majority are believed to have been killed or wounded and consumed in the burning cars, which were fired with oil taken from the tank of the locomotive.

Before the attack on the train, it became known today, the Zapatista horde had routed a small garrison of Federals at Parres. Many women of the camp fell into their hands and were subjected to indescribable barbarities. The wife of the chief of the detachment was found dismembered and otherwise horribly mutilated.

Capt. Rosendo Nunez, in charge of the escort on the ill-fated train, is said to have fallen heroically.

After nearly every man of his command had been either killed or wounded and he himself had received three bad wounds, he continued to fire from a platform of a coach until a fourth bullet pierced his heart.

The Zapatistas robbed the dead and living and looted the express car. Among the first to fall was the 10-year-old daughter of Capt. Nunez, who was accompanying her father on the fatal trip. She was sitting near the window and almost the first sign of trouble which the Captain had was seeing his little child fall to the floor literally riddled with bullets.

"We had no chance," said one of the soldiers today. "From the time that the train stopped until the affair ended there was a veritable rain of bullets. At least 500 rifles were in the first volley and the car in which we were traveling was the target. Most of the bullets came through the roof. The second lieutenant, who was within six feet of me, had eighteen bullets through his body and never knew what struck him. The first lieutenant was also wounded almost at the first shot."

The Captain was traveling in the first-class coach, two cars back, and his child was lying dead before him. By the time that he could get through the two cars crowded with screaming women and children, and start to give orders thirty of the men were down, and when he arrived we were firing from the car windows. The only targets we had were straw hats on the embankments, which we found out afterwards were left there by the enemy as decoys. When we went outside we were overwhelmed and unable to fight with our guns in the hand-to-hand encounter. We had no chance. One man can not fight a hundred—a clubbed rifle against machetes.

MONEY COMES EASY TO US

We only won \$10,000 this week on a bet with councilman Taylor on the number of the large engine which was backed off into the turn-table pit last Friday morning, and tied up the traffic for a time. Mr. Taylor thought it was No. 2505, and we knew it was No. 2500, so the wager was made, but Mr. Taylor failed to put up his money, now the settlement has been postponed indefinitely, as he thinks there might yet be an error in the records. Look out for a sight draft James, we don't need the money but some friend might want to borrow it and business is business.

OFF FOR MOUNTAINAIR

A party of our citizens left to attend the Chautauqua at Mountainair, taking No. 33 Monday morning. The group was composed of the following: Rev. Hedgpath, wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. Adams, Master William Adams, Miss Ruth Scott, Otis Erskine, Grover Bullington, and Isaac Kirkpatrick. We hope they enjoy their stay. Bro Joe is on the program this year.

CITIZENS ARE ASKING ABOUT CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

"There Are Things That Cannot Be Explained" But We Hope This is Not One of Them. The News Columns Are Open

It is the duty of each member of a business firm to know at all times, the details of the business; its his privilege and his duty. The same is true in any enterprise. The city of Tucumcari has a water works system; and its duty as tax payers to know something about the running of same. We should know, but we do not, nor have we been able to ascertain.

We understand the present boiler is in a dangerous condition. There are crossings needed, but cannot be had, yet the city council, elected with the understanding that there was no salary attached to the various offices, have voted themselves a salary of \$3.00 per meeting for each time they attend.

We, who are paying our part of this expense, have a right to know for what purposes our money is being expended, but who can tell us?

ENTERTAINED

On Tuesday evening of this week a delightful entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meeker, at their home in the south part of town, the occasion being a bridge whist party, which was highly enjoyed by those in attendance, who found, not only the games of interest, but found Mr. and Mrs. Meeker, who have traveled so extensively and who have accumulated so many beautiful, novel and curious relics from the foreign lands, that one could spend a day with them pleasantly and beneficially in viewing the many curios they possess.

Mrs. Meeker, being both a vocalist and performer, together with her winning manner, makes her a most charming and entertaining hostess, as those present on this occasion will vouch for the truthfulness of the statement.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Muirhead, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Shelton, Mr. and Miss Corn, and Mr. and Mrs. Meeker.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

It has been reported that the News and Montoya Republican are holding back final proof notices to suit their convenience. It is either ignorantly or maliciously misrepresented. There is not, has not, nor will not be a moment's delay by either paper; on the contrary, we have exerted our efforts for early dates for all. In a few instances where illness or other emergencies were presented, early dates have been given as courtesy, and if deemed worthy can be had again by the general Land Office Officials, but they are simply "snowed under" with work and no extra assistance, consequently they are behind, and each inquiry or letter urging them, takes up that much time, hence, hundreds of such delay several proofs daily.

The Land Office is doing the best it can, and will try to take them in their turn as they come, so please be patient.

OIL WELLS AT SEVEN LAKES

Recent developments in the Seven Lakes' vicinity, near Gallup, N. M., show that oil has been found at a depth of 320 feet, and a continuance of 41 feet increases it. That entire neighborhood is being developed with a like showing, and it is of considerable interest to know that several of our citizens own stock in a company in that vicinity. Their names are C. S. Shelton, James Conwell, S. M. Wharton, Roy Welch, Dr. Herring, Pete Steffan, W. F. Reed, Geo. Ely and C. E. Hawkins. Here's hoping that they all strike a lake of "oil."

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Tucumcari is our home, we should take pride in it, and work to her best interests, but are all doing this?

Many things the city schools are in need of, but cannot be supplied, simply because the city cannot afford it; yet, on the other hand, we seem to find little difficulty in affording salaries of officers.

We need a hydraulic engineer to come here, inspect the city plant, tell us the actual cost of running the plant by use of electricity and coal, and many other valuable points of great interest and value to the citizens. The money expended in this manner would be of benefit to every property holder in our city, and there should be no delay in the matter.

What we want to know, and have a right to know, is, "WHERE ARE WE AT?"

A CITIZEN

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A genuine surprise birthday party was given Mr. O. F. Elder, this week, the occasion being his birthday.

The merry party met at the Elder home where they found Mr. Elder and family and merriment began at once.

Numerous games were indulged in, refreshments were served. Meanwhile a big rain came, which of course was in honor of the occasion.

Mr. Elder was presented with a handsome Elk fob, in an appropriate speech going with it the full appreciation of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Elder are held by their friends in Tucumcari.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Riehl, Mr. and Mrs. Matheis, Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Shelton and Messrs. Sandusky and Randle.

PARKS-JEFFREY

Eld. A. H. Mahon performed the marriage ceremony in his usual impressive manner at the home of Mrs. Jeffrey, on Monday evening, July 22, 1912, at 8 p. m., which united Mrs. Ethel Jeffrey and Joseph W. Parks as man and wife.

The bride is well known here, having been connected with the Grier Cafe for some time; while the groom is in the employ of the railway, and both of the contracting parties have a host of friends who extend best wishes for their future happiness and the News joins in the same.

LEST YOU FORGET

Last week the News mentioned the Y. M. C. A. proposition and thought it might be in order to mention it again lest you forget all about it. Its something our town wants, needs and must have. Its something which can scarcely have a value placed thereon. Its possible to build one here, and think of it, talk of it, and last, and best, build it. The site opposite Jones Jewellery store would be an ideal location for either a Government building or the Y. M. C. A. First come, first served Get busy and help to get them.

SENATOR WASHBURN DYING

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24.—William D. Washburn, former senator from Minnesota and pioneer in the building of the northwest, arrived today from Europe in a dying condition. A quick trip from New York to Minneapolis was made on a special train. Physicians say death is a question of hours as the senator has been unconscious practically all day. He is 81 years old.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The usual services will be held at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Lyman W. Pike will preach on account of the absence of the regular pastor. All are welcome. A. H. Mahon, Minister

GOVERNOR TALKS ON THE COUNTY SALARY BILL

State Executive Declares that Officials Should Present Propositions as to What They Think Proper

Albuquerque, N. M., July 21.—Governor William C. McDonald arrived in the city last night for a brief stay. He had been at Silver City attending the evening exercises of the Normal school there, and at San Marcial all day yesterday. While here the governor talked on the county salaries question, and estimated that he might, possibly, perhaps, call a special session of the legislature to enact a salary bill, if certain conditions were complied with.

The governor started off his statement with the announcement that if the county officers would get together and name a scale of salaries which were fair and equitable to themselves and to the people, they might stand some chance of getting a special session called. He gave the impression that he would like to see such a scale have the unanimous, or almost unanimous endorsement of all the officers in the different classes of counties, but later modified this idea by stating that he would like to see the officers of each county make such a scale.

He declared that no one could tell him that the officers were all paying interest on the money they used to pay their deputies, and stated that the county officials were not suffering very much. He also stated that he had heard from comparatively few of them in regard to their desire for a special session.

The governor declared for the salary schedule which would be fair alike to the people and to the officers, saying that he believed the salary of a county officer should be just enough larger than that paid for similar work in the business world to justify a man in holding office.

He stated that if a special session was called, the responsibility for the legislation it might enact, would, in a sense, rest upon him, and said he wanted to have some idea of a bill which might be passed, as an assurance that there would be no thirty days of more wrangling.

When asked definitely whether he intended to call a special session, the governor said, in so many words: "You'll have to ask somebody."

"But governor, we are asking somebody right now," said his interrogator.

"I won't say that I won't call a special session, and I won't say that I will, and even if I did say, I reserve the right to change my mind over night."

The governor objected strongly to being quoted, saying that he cared not what was attributed to him, but that when quotation marks were used, he wanted to be sure that what was inside them was right.

J. A. French, state engineer, accompanied the governor as far as Albuquerque on the way to Santa Fe.

NEW GAME LAW

C. C. Chapman has been appointed deputy game warden for this section and hands us the following changes, which all should remember:

Deer—July 1 to Sept. 30th.
Duck—November 15 to Jan. 15th.
Duck—Sept. 1 to March 31st.
Grouse—Sept. 1 to November 30th.
Quail—Nov. 1 to January 31st.
Turkey—Nov. 1 to January 15th.
Limit of 20 ducks or 30 quails at one time by one person.

Open season on Curlew, plover and snipe.

Protected for five years from date: elk, antelope, pheasant, bob white quail, wild pigeons, and prairie chicken.

Clip this out and paste it in your hat or on the wall, it may save you \$50.00. Get your license before hunting, also.

THE ELK'S LODGE BUSY

On Thursday night of this week the Elks initiated six members into that noble order, and after the work was over, refreshments were served in honor of the additional members who were D. Castro, Donald Stewart, W. O. Fairhurst, J. A. Gafford, Billie Davis and Orville Williams.

This splendid order has a dispensation for a special rate for a limited time, so if you are intending to join the Elks, and are eligible, this may be of interest to you. It is said the antlers were securely set last night.

For a few weeks Chapman is going to sell Buggies. If we do not have just what you want, let us get it for you. Prices guaranteed to be right.

FLOODED MINE; THIRTEEN DEAD

Thirty-Seven Escape From Pit Inundated by Water from a Cloudburst

TAKE 60 DAYS TO RESCUE BODIES

Three More Reported Lost in a Shaft Only About a Half Mile Further Away

Union Town, Pa., July 24.—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the roadway of Superba No. 2 mine at Evans station, three miles north of Union Town this afternoon following a cloudburst, thirteen men were drowned and thirty-seven escaped after a most harrowing experience. The men were drowned about 4000 feet from the mouth of the mines, their only avenue of escape.

It was reported tonight that three men had lost their lives in Lemont No. 2 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company, about a half mile away from the Superba mines. About one hundred men were caught in the flood there but all escaped except three who are unaccounted for.

It was stated tonight by officials of the Superba company that it will take at least sixty days to clear the mine of water and the bodies must remain in the water.

TUCUMCARI SCHOOL BOARD ISSUES BULLETIN

The patrons of the public schools of Tucumcari will be pleased to know that their interests are not forgotten by the school officers, even during the warm vacation days, so soon to be a thing of the past. The News has just published a supply of bulletins that contain full information for the school year 1912-1913, which begins on August 19th. There is no excuse for any one to plead ignorance on school matters, if the Board can prevent it, and it is their belief that they can do so. Each home from which children attend school will be supplied with the general information at the first of the school year. If there are any who would have the information before the school opens, they may get an announcement by calling at the office of any member of the school board now, or any time later in the summer.

The interest in the Tucumcari High School is greater now than at any other time in the history of the school. Those who have children to educate appreciate a school that has an interest in the moral atmosphere of the student, and that watches most carefully every tendency that leads to weakness in character, and prevents its development. This our school does and does it without in any way curtailing the natural mental, physical and moral growth. The teachers are all men or women of experience, and chosen to fit the work they are to do. This year, as never before, there will be an active interest in athletics, music and public social functions in all departments of the High School, and we may expect a most pleasant and profitable school year in Tucumcari. Call on the Board, or write to E. Paek, county superintendent, for a bulletin of all school plans.

EDITOR CAMPBELL TO RETIRE

J. W. Campbell, who has so ably and creditably edited the Sun since the change of ownership, tells us he will likely retire about August 1st, and as to his future plans he did not declare himself. He is not in the best of health, and we trust the rest will do him good. Our best wishes are with him. C. H. Meeker will likely succeed him as editor, and the policy of the paper will remain about the same as heretofore.

BAND CONCERT

Prof. Cordes had his band out last evening and rendered several selections all of which seemed to please the people, and many remarked that they could see a marked improvement over the last concert. If we want to perpetuate it, support it. Pay 50c or \$1.00 per month to Secretary A. H. Mahon, and "watch our smoke."

The Opera House invited the band down to their show after the concert also the Miller Drug Store gave the band a treat at the close of the concert